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1. The Kovosmalt factory (formerly the Coburg Works) is located southeast of Trnava, near the railroad line between Trnava and Bratislava. The factory is bounded on the north by the city of Trnava, on the east by the highway between Trnava and Hrnčiarovce (P49/T21) and on the west by the railroad line mentioned above. To the south of the factory are fields.
2. The Kovosmalt factory employs about 4,400 workers, 40% of whom are women. They work in two shifts, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Pay is both by the hour and on a piecework basis and average wages are from 2,500 to 4,500 Kcs. per month. There is pay for overtime work at this factory.
3. This factory manufactures various kinds of metal products, the chief ones being the following:
 - a. Kitchen utensils, enamelled pots and pans, ranges.
 - b. Nails and screws.
 - c. Plumbing castings (pipe).
 - d. Cartridge cases for rifle, machine gun and mortar ammunition.
 - e. Belts for machine guns.
 - f. Machine guns, light and heavy.
 - g. Various aircraft parts made of light metals.
 - h. Railroads rails, a new product of this factory.
4. The approximate rate of production of some of these items is as follows:
 - a. Enamelled products, about 10,000 pieces per day.
 - b. Nails and screws, one freight carload per day.

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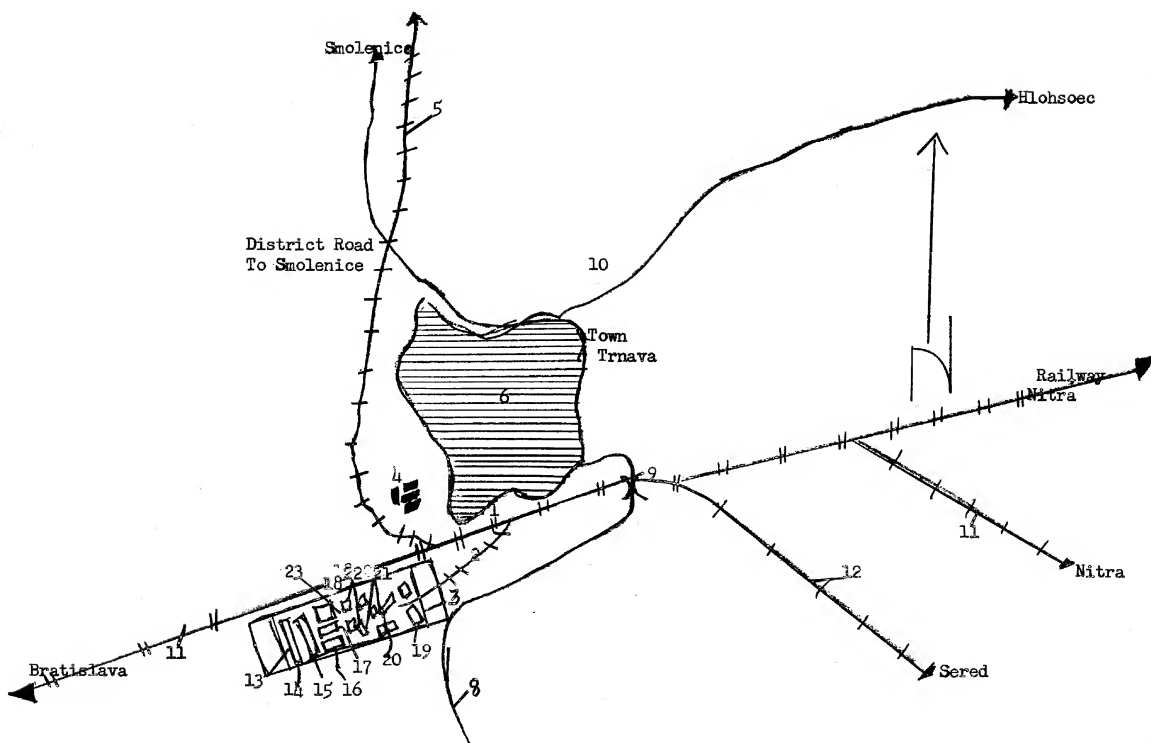
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- c. Hammers, axes, plumbers' tools, three freight carloads per day.
- d. Machine guns, 20 per day.
- e. Aircraft parts, two carloads per day.
- 5. The most essential raw materials for this factory are iron, light metals, cast iron and sheet metal. Raw materials used here are chiefly domestic, and they are mostly delivered from the Tatrasmalt plant (also formerly the Coburg Works) at Pohorela (Q49/D46). Raw materials arrive and finished products are shipped by rail. The destinations of finished products are [redacted] chiefly within Czechoslovakia. 25X1
- 6. The Kovosmalt factory was not damaged during World War II. Nothing is known of any plans for enlarging it.
- 7. Important personnel at the Kovosmalt factory are the following:
 - a. Eng. Jan Herman, manager [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Marie Petrovicova, assistant manager [redacted]
 - c. Eng. Hromadka (fnu), technical manager [redacted]
 - d. Eng. Pazitny (fnu), assistant to Hromadka.
 - e. Dr. Kolcek (fnu), planning officer.
 - f. Rudolf Kotny, president of the works committee [redacted] 25X1
 - g. Juraj Cizmaric, security officer [redacted]
 - h. Karel Tucek, cadre officer [redacted]
- 8. The headquarters of the Trnava militia is situated in the Kovosmalt works. There are about 450 members of the militia, 60 of whom do duty at Kovosmalt, the remainder at other factories in and around Trnava. The commander of the militia is Imrich Kubricky [redacted] 25X1
- 9. The Kovosmalt factory is surrounded by a brick wall 2½ meters high, with two strands of barbed wire on top. The main entrance, six meters wide, is on the northern side of the works and there is also a double gate on the southern side, one half being used for automobiles and pedestrians and the other half for rail traffic. There are guardrooms at both gates, with gatekeepers and militia guards.
- 10. Twice a week compulsory training courses are held in the factory lecture hall after working hours for all workers. All workers are required to study Russian in special courses. There are also political lectures on Marxism-Leninism, improvement of production, socialism and the Five Year Plan. The workers are not happy because of the small purchasing power of their wages and the fact that many of their former privileges have been abolished. They resent the fact that most Czech-produced goods are being sent to the USSR and they are aware that Czechoslovakia does not get all the help from the USSR which is claimed in the newspapers. The reimposition of bread rationing has also affected their morale.

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Legend to Sketch of Kovosmalt, Trnava.

1. Railroad Station, Trnava.
2. Single track to the Kovosmalt factory.
3. Kovosmalt, Trnava.
4. 34th Anti-tank Battalion, plus guards company barracks.
5. Railroad line to Vrutky.
6. Town of Trnava.
7. Entrance to the Kovosmalt factory.
8. District road, Trnava-Hrnciarovce.
9. Railroad bridge.
10. District road, Hlohovec-Smolenice.
11. Railroad line, Bratislava-Zilina.
12. Railroad line, Trnava-Sered.
13. Brick wall.
14. Kitchen utensil products department.
15. Light and heavy metal foundry.
16. Enamelling department.
17. Grinding department.
18. Cartridge case production department.
19. Administration building.
20. Storage of finished products, packing, despatching.
21. Machine gun production department.
22. Raw material storage.
23. Blast furnace.

Note: No. 7 is not indicated on the sketch.

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